**A Whale of a Tale**

Melissa, this is for #5 of structure/organization—I’m sure the color is wrong.

(Illustrated, published book; edited with teacher support; no revision)

By Mackenzie

Once upon a time there was a girl named Shelby. Her favorite thing to do was go to the beach with her best friend Mackenzie.

One day both girls made plans to go to the beach. When they got there, they decided to have a swim race.

They jumped in the ocean and started swimming. Shelby and Mackenzie were about 11 feet from the shore and a giant whale came swimming up to them.

At first the girls were afraid, but the whale said he was friendly. He picked up the girls and put them on his back. The water came out of his spout and surprised them.

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| He took the girls for a long ride out in the ocean. After a while the whale brought Shelby and Mackenzie back to the shore. |  |

He said, Good-by and that he would look for them

another day.

When the girls got on the beach they told their friends what had happened. The friends did not believe them. (6) Shelby and Mackenzie didn’t care. They just looked at each other and winked.

The End